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It's ten days before Christmas, and 15-year-old Alex Norton is struggling. He knows Christmas should be more than an over-hyped, greedy, present-grabbing time of year. He wants to believe in something...but what? Come along as Alex discovers the true meaning of Christmas.



Join us for the SLBC Annual Christmas Program on Sunday, December 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

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# Missions for the Month





## The mission

- Presenting the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Savior
- Feed him in his spiritual growth and personal involvement in a local church
- Encourage and comfort you with Bible teaching and praise music.

KHCB Radio Amistad, whose slogan is "Proclaiming the Truth," is an independent, nondenominational ministry led by a Board of Directors and supported by donations. It broadcasts Cristo Céntrica programming 24 hours a day from its headquarters in Houston, Texas without commercials, and without selling airtime. You can read the exciting history of this ministry in the book "For It Is God Who Works," online at khcb.org.

### **Programming**

Radio Amistad offers you quality Bible teaching, inspiring music, exciting dramatizations of lives transformed by God, and motivational programs for children. The focus is the person of Jesus Christ. All programs are based on the Bible, with sound doctrine and a clear message that exalts the name, work and person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

## <u>Vital Issues</u>

Dolly Martin, is the host of "Vital Issues," a live program where professionals such as lawyers, counselors, doctors, and psychologists give valuable advice, answer questions, offer a biblical analysis of world situations and inform about resources available to Latino families who they live in the United States. You can listen to "Vital Topics" live from 11am to 12pm (Central Time) on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. You can also view the archive of previous programs and download them to your digital device at no cost.

# Final Goal - Sports Commentary

Santos Cuchilla and Miguel A. Jacinto direct "Meta Final" a live sports program where you listen to interviews, results, reports, and comments every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 5pm to 6pm (Central Time).

## RRA News

Radio Amistad has reporters who keep you informed of what is happening around the world in their news program "RRA Noticias."

# Pastor's Corner



Dr. Andy Woods Pastor

Signs of the Times for 2021 (Part 20)

In our first installment, we observed that the Bible places much emphasis on the signs related to Christ's return (Matt. 24:33; Luke 21:28; Heb. 10:25, etc.). Observing these signs helps us ascertain that general time of human history in which we find ourselves. We noted that if the signs of the Tribulation period are rapidly approaching, and the rapture of the Church precedes the Tribulation period, then the rapture must be coming even faster. Thus, we began to ask ourselves, what are some of these signs that are now

setting the stage for the coming Tribulation period? We selected the following seven signs as deserving of analysis to be covered in this series:

- 1. Signs related to Israel
- 2. Signs related to international politics
- 3. Signs related to economics
- 4. Signs related to technology
- 5. Signs related to spirituality
- 6. Signs related to society
- 7. Signs related to understanding Bible prophecy

Therefore, this series is dedicated to exploring the seven signs related to the soon return of Jesus Christ. As a result of this teaching, may we all grow in our understanding of the unique time in which we now live. As dealt with in the prior installments in this series, there are several signs meriting discussion concerning the modern state of Israel and international politics and signs related to economics and technology and spiritual signs. In this installment, we turn our attention toward the predicted societal signs of the last days.

#### 6. Signs Related to Society

Revelation 9:20-21 says, "The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, so as not to *worship demons*, and the *idols* of gold and of silver and of brass and of stone and of wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk; and they did not repent of their *murders* nor of their *sorceries* nor of their *immorality* nor of their *thefts*" (italics mine).

By my count here there are six sins mentioned here that will dominate the world during the coming Tribulation period. They include the worship of demons, idolatry, murders, sorceries, immorality, and thefts. If these sins are dominant in a culture, God will always eventually bring divine judgment against such a society. Thus, these are the big six sins that will bring the wrath of God to this earth during the Tribulation period. I think if we are intellectually honest, we see these same sins dominating our world today and our culture. In fact, they are being mainstreamed. The normalization of such sinful activity alerts us to the fact that the Tribulation period is rapidly approaching. Let us now examine these six societal signs in detail.

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#### <u>Demon Worship</u>

The first one is the worship of demons, which involves tapping into the dark side or a power source that does not necessarily emanate from God. We see that all the time, don't we? Examples include the psychic hotline, palm readers, Ouija boards, and horoscopes. Many in our society will not make a major decision in their lives without first consulting the influence of these sources. It is interesting to me that even when you watch certain crime solving programs, how many of them claim that they solve crimes today by tapping into those individuals that have foresight or ability to solve the crime based upon these supernatural powers.

The literature many allow their children to read has also been similarly tainted. Even J.K. Rowling's influential *Harry Potter* series apparently has demonic elements. This is a point that even some Roman Catholic authorities concede. Note the following recent news item:

A Roman Catholic school in Tennessee has banished JK Rowling's universally popular series of Harry Potter novels from its library shelves after its pastor took exception to their portrayal of magic, warning the spells and curses the author describes are real and 'risk conjuring evil spirits' when read...'These books present magic as both good and evil, which is not true, but in fact a clever deception. The curses and spells used in the books are actual curses and spells; which when read by a human being risk conjuring evil spirits into the presence of the person reading the text,' the Reverend Reehill wrote, apparently in all seriousness. [Joe Sommerlad, Harry Potter books removed from school library because they contain 'real' curses and spells, "Independent," online: https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/harry-potter-banned-school-library-nashville-tennessee-exorcist-a9087676. htmlwww.soniclight.com, September 1, 2019; accessed 13 December 219, p. 1.]

As explained by my seminary classmate Dr. Christine Tan in a recent educational lecture entitled "STOP, LOOK, and LISTEN: Dangerous Influences on Children and Youth" given at Grace Christian College in the Philippines, a demonic influence exists in the following items that are now making their way into typical Christian homes. These include *Harry Potter*, *Twilight*, *Pokemon*, *Star Wars*, *Yoga*, *Hypnosis*, and even the *Martial Arts*. Our attitude toward these kinds of things today seems quite lax in comparison to that of the new Christian converts at Ephesus. Of them, Acts 19:9 says, "And many of those who practiced magic brought their books together and began burning them in the sight of everyone; and they counted up the price of them and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver." Notice that these new believers took dramatic and radical action to separate themselves from the occultic influences that had previously dominated their lives, even at great personal expense. Should we not do the same?

Let us not mince words here. As these activities became increasingly mainstreamed into our culture and even the church, this involves nothing less than the worship of demons (1 Cor. 10:21-22)! Consequently, the stage is currently being set for the occultic domination that will characterize the world during the future Tribulation period.

#### **Idolatry**

The second sin mentioned in Revelation 9:20-21 is the sin of idolatry. Here, it specifically mentions the

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idols of "gold and of silver and of brass and of stone and of wood which can neither see nor hear nor walk." What exactly is idolatry? It involves worshipping something and anything ahead of God. When a person becomes an idolater, they are violating the first of the two commandments of the Decalogue. These are: "Thou shalt have no graven images" and "Thou shalt have no other gods besides me" [Exodus 20:3-4; Deut. 7:7-8]. Leviticus 26:1 similarly says, "Ye shall make you no idols nor graven image...."]

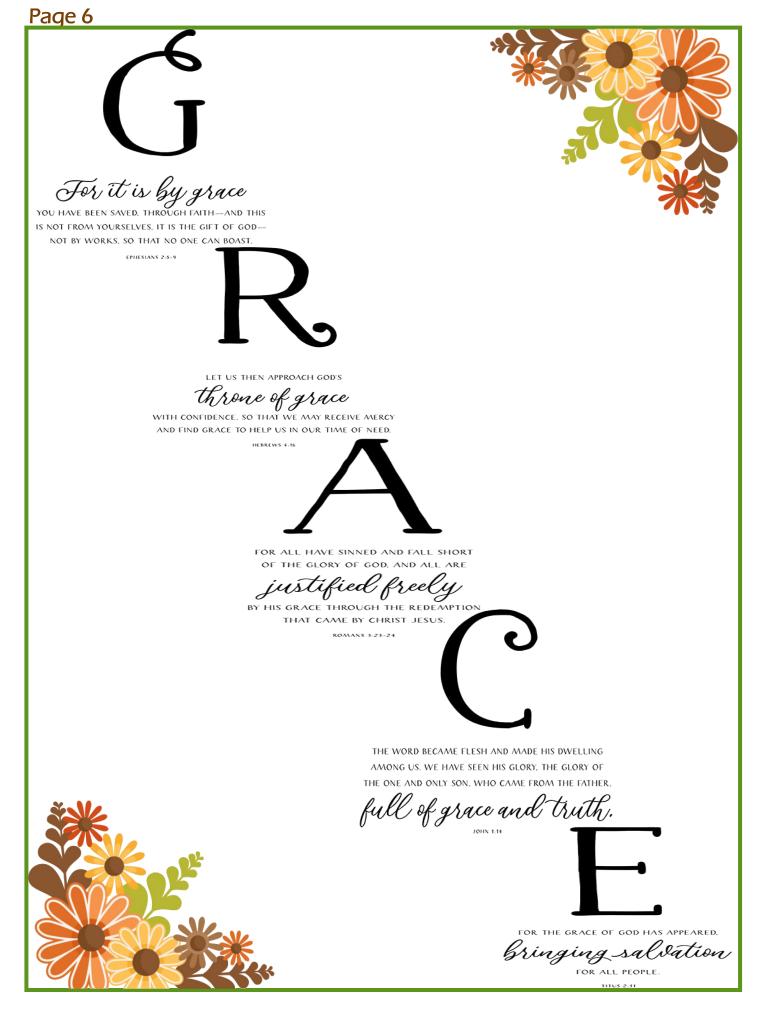
God is very clear that He does not want His people trafficking in idolatry. An idol is not necessarily something small made of metal like a statue. It can also be a person that you worship instead of God, or a career that you worship instead of God, or something that you are looking to for your security, like a retirement account, that you have placed above God in terms of importance. An idol is anything that we get our worth from and our sense of well-being from other than God Himself. It is interesting to me that some of the most innocuous and harmless things can end up becoming some of the greatest "graven images" in our lives.

It is foolish to become an idolator because what can an idol do for you? It is merely made of silver and brass and stone and of wood. It cannot see, it cannot hear, and it cannot walk. Here, God is instead saying to His people come to Me. I am all powerful. I am present everywhere at once. I am personal. I will meet the needs in your life rather than this idol that you have set up to eclipse Me. Therefore, I like to call that line there in Revelation 9:20 "the idiocy of idolatry." When you think about it, it is crazy to worship something in place of God when that thing is just finite and created and has no power to deliver you in the day of trouble.

Isaiah 46 has much to say concerning idolatry. Verse 1 says, "Bel has bowed down, Nebo stoops over; Their images are *consigned* to the beasts and the cattle. The things that you carry are burdensome, A load for the weary beast." In other words, Bel, an idol in Babylon, has bowed down and Nebo, another Babylonian idol, stoops over their images consigned to the beasts and the cattle. These idols that Israel was carrying are a burdensome load even for the weary beast. Here, God is chastising His people for idolatry. He is saying to them as you are carrying around these metal statues, are you getting tired? Are you getting fatigued? The day is going to come when you are going to be so old that you will not have the strength to carry that piece of metal around anymore. What are you going to do then? In fact, the day is going to come when you are going to be so old and sick and infirmed that you are going to need someone to carry you around. Do you think that your idol is going to sustain you once you reach that point? Isaiah 46:4, "Even to your old age I will be the same, and even to your graying years I will bear you! I have done it, and I will carry you; And I will bear you and I will deliver you." Why give your life to something that cannot help you when you most need it in your old age? Why not instead have a relationship with the living God that can see and hear and walk and can make the provision for your deepest needs at the times of our life when we need them the most? Yet, cultivating such a relationship with the living God is not the spiritual trajectory of fallen humanity. Humanity will not only worship demons, but they will have given themselves over to foolish idolatries.

Having examined the societal signs of *demon worship* and *idolatry*, in our next installment, we will continue examining the *societal signs* associated with the last days. Among the signs that we will explore include *murders, sorceries, immoralities,* and *thefts*.

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# **Sunday School**

Adults — Pastor Woods in the Sanctuary Youth Group— Gabe Morris in the Upstairs Youth Room

> Children's Sunday School Downstairs: Pre-primary (Age 3-K): Room 111 Primary Grades 1-3: Room 110 Grades 4-5: Room 106

# **Tuesday Bible Studies**

Women's Bible lesson taught by Betty Cooke Morning at 9:00 am Evening at 7:00 pm Men's Bible lesson taught by David Sandlin Evenings at 8:00 pm

# **Wednesday Evening Services**

Meal at 6:00 pm Adult Prayer at 6:45 pm in Sanctuary Adult Bible Study at 7:00 pm in Sanctuary Youth – Youth Room Upstairs Children — Classroom 110









My name is Lisa Camplen and I am the coordinator for the Sugar Land Bible Church Share-a-Meal Ministry. Share-a-Meal is a ministry that provides meals for people in our church body during circumstances where help with food would be needed due to major illness/surgery, childbirth, loss, or any other major disruption to everyday life. As the coordinator I assess individual meal needs with a recipient, create a meal calendar and communicate the needs to our meal volunteers through a detailed email with a link to the meal calendar.

Share-a-Meal is always accepting new volunteers as we strive to meet the needs of our growing church family. Meal volunteers are able to sign up to provide a meal and arrange a delivery time that best suits the recipient and volunteer. Meals can be homemade, takeout from a restaurant, or in some instances we may provide a gift card. The nature of the meals and the duration of the provision will depend on the individual circumstances, as will delivery options. With a large enough group of volunteers, even extended meal needs will only require participants to offer one meal apiece. It is a very gratifying way to show love and care for our church body in the manner in which Christ directs us (Matt 25:35-40; Rom 12:6-8, 10-13; Heb 13:16; 1 Pet 4:8-10).

I am very passionate about this important ministry and would love to tell you more about it. If you think you may be interested in supporting the Sharea-Meal ministry, as a meal volunteer, gift card donor or delivery helper, please contact me by phone (210-573-7994 cell) or e-mail (<u>lisacamplen@gmail.com</u>). Also, if you are aware of a possible meal need in our church family, please contact me so that I can personally reach out to determine how we can help.

In Him, Lisa Camplen Coordinator, SLBC Share-a-Meal Ministry



# Monthly Bulletin

Our monthly newsletter, "El Comunicador," is a small, full-color magazine available at no cost. It includes motivational articles, information on special programs, ministry reports, and photos from events. Respecting the privacy of listeners, Radio Amistad keeps a database that is not shared with other ministries or businesses.

### For more information

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# Prayer Request from Dolly Monroe

KHCB's Spanish ministry is launching an ad campaign in Mexico this month to promote Radio Amistad's mobile app. This ad will air on secular radio stations, primarily in Monterrey. Please pray for the Lord to use this campaign to reach those who are searching for the truth. The app broadcasts KHCB's Spanish language programming 24 hours a day and offers links to podcasts, devotionals, and other Christian resources.

